

an inner surface, ~~an outer surface, a first end and a second end, the inner surface of~~
^{substantially the entire length of said}
the body portion defining a passage configured to receive the probe end from the second end
toward the first flangeless end, and the passage extending and incrementally increasing in
size from the first end toward the second end;

~~at least one flexible~~
an outer surface of the body portion; and
~~at least one flexible~~ ^{at least one flexible}
an annular flange disposed on the outer surface.

33. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 32, wherein the passage
comprises one of a frusto-conical shape and a cylindrical shape.

34. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 32, wherein the body portion
comprises a frusto-conical shape.

⁴³⁵ 35. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim ³², wherein the ~~at least one~~
~~flexible~~ annular flange is disposed substantially perpendicular to the body portion.

⁵³⁶ 36. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim ³², wherein the ~~at least one~~
~~flexible~~ annular flange is disposed proximate to a middle portion of the body portion.

37. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 32 further comprising a
chamfer, the chamfer is disposed proximate to the second end.

38. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 32, wherein the ear probe tip
is constructed of one of a plastic material and an elastic material.

39. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 32, wherein the ear probe tip is disposable.

9 40. (Currently Amended) An ear probe tip for ~~the end of~~ ^{having an end with length} a probe which can be inserted into an ear canal, the ear probe tip comprising:

a body portion having an inner surface, an outer surface, a first flangeless end and a second end; and

B4 103 said ^{said} a passage defined by the inner surface to receive the probe end from the second end toward the first flangeless end, the passage having a first cross-sectional area proximate to the first flangeless end and a second cross-sectional area proximate to the second end, the first cross-sectional area being smaller in size than the second cross-sectional area; and ^{flexible} an annular flange disposed on the outer surface of the body portion.

41. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 40, wherein the passage comprises one of a frusto-conical shape and a cylindrical shape.

42. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 40, wherein the body portion comprises a frusto-conical shape.

43. (Cancelled)

13 9 44. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 43 ~~46~~ ⁹, wherein the ~~at least~~ ^{one flexible} annular flange comprises a cross-sectional shape of one of a circle, a triangle, and a square.

14 ~~45~~. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 43 ~~48~~, wherein the at least one flexible annular flange is disposed substantially perpendicular to the body portion.

B6 46. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 43 40, wherein the at least one flexible annular flange is disposed proximate to a middle portion of the body portion.

47. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim ~~40~~ further comprising a chamfer, the chamfer is disposed proximate to the second end.

48. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim ~~40~~, wherein the ear probe tip is constructed of one of a plastic material and an elastic material.

18 ~~49~~. (Currently Amended) ^{having a probe end with a length} An ear probe tip for the end of a probe ^{during a procedure} which can be inserted into an ear canal; the ear probe tip comprising:

B7 a body portion having an inner surface, an outer surface, a first flangeless end, and a second end, the inner surface of the body portion defining a passage configured to receive the probe end from the second end toward the first flangeless end, and the passage extending and incrementally increasing in size from the first flangeless end toward the second end; and a ring disposed on the outer surface of the body portion proximal to the second end; and

an annular flange disposed on the outer surface of the body portion.

50. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 49, wherein the ring comprises one of a continuous ring and a non-continuous ring disposed on the outer surface of the body portion.

51. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 49, wherein the passage comprises one of a frusto-conical shape and a cylindrical shape.

52. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 49, wherein the body portion comprises a frusto-conical shape.

53. (Cancelled)

12 54. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 53 ¹⁸~~49~~, wherein the ~~at least~~ ~~one flexible~~ annular flange comprises a cross-sectional shape of one of a circle, a triangle, and a square.

B8 *23* 55. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 53 ¹⁸~~49~~, wherein the ~~at least~~ ~~one flexible~~ annular flange is disposed substantially perpendicular to the body portion.

24 56. (Currently Amended) The ear probe tip of claim 53 ¹⁸~~49~~, wherein the ~~at least~~ ~~one flexible~~ annular flange is disposed proximate to a middle portion of the body portion.

57. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 49 further comprising a chamfer, the chamfer is disposed proximate to the second end.

58. (Previously Added) The ear probe tip of claim 49, wherein the ear probe tip is constructed of one of a plastic material and an elastic material.

21. (New) An ear probe tip for the ~~end of~~ ^{having a probe end with a length} of a probe which can be inserted into an ear canal, the ear probe tip comprising:

a body portion defining a tapered first end and a second end;

an inner surface of the body portion defining a passage configured to receive ^{substantially the entire length of} the

B9 probe end from the second end toward the tapered first end, and the passage extending and incrementally increasing in size from the tapered first end toward the second end;

an outer surface of the body portion;

an annular flange disposed on the outer surface.